

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 26 MARCH 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Craig Army National Guard Training Sites

SITE NUMBER: B08CO067701

LOCATION:

City: Craig
County: Moffat County
State: Colorado

PROJECT NUMBER: B08CO067701

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4-small arms range at Cedar Mountain; 4-artillery range at Sand Wash

ASR RAC: 2-small arms range at Cedar Mountain; 4-artillery range at Sand Wash

TAG RAC: 2-small arms range at Cedar Mountain; 4-artillery range at Sand Wash

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

The Craig Army National Guard Training Sites consisted of 23,105.77 acres of real estate involving two separate, non-contiguous areas located in Moffat County, Colorado near the city of Craig. The two separate sites include: a 23,065.77 acre artillery range at Sand Wash approximately 45 miles west of Craig and a 40 acre small arms range at Cedar Mountain approximately 6 miles northwest of Craig. The Colorado Army National Guard acquired the Sand Wash site by permit for use as an 105 mm artillery range on 1 April 1964. The guard used the site during weekend drills to prepare for summer camp. The Colorado National Guard relinquished the Sand Wash artillery range to the on 31 March 1972. The Colorado National Guard used the 40 acres adjacent to Cedar Mountain as a small arms range between 8 February 1956 and 25 April 1978. Plates 1 and 2 in the Report Plates Section show the general location of the sites.

4. SITE HISTORY:

- a. The Craig Army National Guard Training Sites consisted of two separate, non-contiguous areas located in Moffat County, Colorado near the city of Craig. The two separate sites include: a 23,065.77 acre artillery range at Sand Wash approximately 45 miles west of Craig and a 40 acre small arms range at Cedar Mountain approximately 6 miles northwest of Craig. The Colorado Army National Guard unit at Craig used both sites over partially concurrent periods.
- b. On 1 April 1964 the Bureau of Land Management granted Battery A, 3rd Howitzer Battalion of 157th Artillery Colorado Army National Guard a special land use permit for 22,425.77 acres for the artillery range at Sand Wash. The State of Colorado permitted an additional 640 acres in the middle of the site the following year. Battery A acquired a permit for artillery training using 105 mm high explosive (HE) rounds. According to interviews, the Craig National Guard unit used the artillery range intermittently, about once a year, in preparation for annual training at Fort Carson. The Colorado National Guard allowed both use permits for the artillery range at Sand Wash to expire on 31 March 1972.
- c. On 8 February 1956, the Bureau of Land Management granted a use permit to the Colorado Army National Guard a 40 acre tract for use as a small arms rifle range at Cedar Mountain. Beginning in April 1968, the Corps of Engineers managed the acquisition and renewal of the use permit for the small arms range. The Department of the Army retransferred the Cedar Mountain small arms range to the Bureau of Land Management on 25 April 1978. The archives search revealed no documentation highlighting the specifics of the OE training or site plan improvements at either of the Craig Army National Guard Training Sites.

- d. The description of the OE activities depends on information gathered from former members of the Colorado National Guard unit at Craig and confirmed by the site inspection and aerial photography.
- e. The National Guard made no permanent range improvements to the artillery range at Sand Wash. The Colorado National Guard initially designated section 5 of Township 8 North, Range 98 West as the impact area. During the site inspection, a former forward observer verified the impact area which included portions of sections 6, 7 and 8. The initial 1964 use permit allowed for 150 rounds of 105 mm high explosive ammunition on the artillery range. However, shortages of 105 mm ammunition required the National Guard to cancel field exercises at Sand Wash at least once and limited the rounds to about 20-25 per yearly training. The use permit required the Colorado National Guard to account for all dud rounds. If a dud round occurred, the standard operating procedures required the Fort Carson Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit to remove it. However, none of the interviewees recalled the unit firing a dud or experiencing a misfire. Another activity at the artillery range included the establishment of an unimproved 3.5 inch practice rockets range about 1,000-1,500 yards west of the 105 mm firing line area. Apparently the National Guard fired only 3.5 inch practice rockets at this location.
- f. The Colorado Army National Guard trained with a variety of small arms at the small arms range at Cedar Mountain including: .30 caliber carbine, .30 caliber rifle (M1 rifle), 7.62 mm (M14 rifle), .45 caliber pistol, and .30, .45, and .50 caliber machine gun target practice. They also fired 40 mm practice rifle grenades and reportedly high explosive (HE) .40 mm rifle grenades on occasion. Also on 14 September 1975, the National Guard unit at Craig ignited and burned four atomic explosion simulators at the Cedar Mountain small arms range.
- g. The archives search uncovered no documentation relating to CWM at either of the Craig Army National Guard Training Sites. The archives search team found no indication that the Craig Army National Guard Training Sites conducted CWM training, storage, or disposal.
- h. Investigation of historical records did not reveal any certificates of ordnance clearance, decontamination or dedudding associated with Craig Army National Guard Training Sites.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area 1: Size, Acres:	Approximately 1,080
Former Usage:	Target Impact Area
Present Usage:	Livestock Grazing

Probable End Usage: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Type: Cartridge, 105 MM, HE, M1

Area 2: Size, Acres: Approximately 6 Acres
Former Usage: Practice Rocket Target Range
Present Usage: Livestock Grazing
Probable End Usage: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed
Type: Rocket, Practice, 3.5 inch,
M29-series

Area 3: Size, Acres: Approximately .25
Former Usage: 50 Yard Small Arms Range
Present Usage: Target Range for the Bear's
Ear Sportsman's Club
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed
Type: Small Arms Casings

Area 4: Size, Acres: Approximately 5.5
Former Usage: 200 meter+ Small Arms Range
Present Usage: Same as Area 3
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed
Type: Cartridge, 40 MM, Practice, M407-Series and Small Arms Casings
Potential, Cartridge, 40 MM HE, M386

Area 5: Size, Acres: Approximately 22014
Former Usage: All other lands
Present Usage: Livestock Grazing
Probable End Usage: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: None

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archive Search Report for the Craig Army National Guard Training Sites was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in September 1996.

7. STRATEGY:

Area 1: EE/CA
Area 2: EE/CA
Area 3: EE/CA
Area 4: EE/CA
Area 5: NOFA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The TAG has determined that an EE/CA will be performed in Areas A, B, C and D since there is a high potential for more OE residue to be discovered in these areas. NOFA is required for Area 5.

b. There are known Federally-and State- listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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